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*Non troppo Allegro.*

VOICE.

PIANO.

*p* *Tranquillo.*

I hear thee speak... of the

*mf* *mf*

Bet-ter Land,... Thou call'st its chil-dren a hap-py band,

*cresc.*

Mother, where... is that ra-diant shore, Shall we not seek it,

*cresc.*

shall we not seek it, and weep no more?... Is it

*cresc.*

where the flow'r of the o-range blows, And the fire-flies dance thro' the

*cresc.*

*Lento.*

myrtle boughs?..... Not there, not there my

*Lento.*

*dim. e. rall.*

*Ad*



Tempo 19

child.

*p* *Tranquillo.*

*mf*

Is it far a way . . . . in some re-gion old . . . . Where the

*cresc.*

ri-vers wan-der o'er sands of gold, Where the burning rays . . . of the

*cresc.*

ru-by shine, And the diamond lights up, the diamond lights up the

*cresc. ed. agitato*

se-cret mine, And the pearl gleams forth . . . from the

*cresc.*

The better land.

coastal strand Is it there, sweet mother, that Better Land, Is it

there, sweet mother, that Better Land? . . . . .

*mf* *rit dim.*

Not there, not there, my

*Lento, p* *Lento, p*

*e. rall.*

*Tempo 19*

child,

*pp* *Tranquillo, rall.*

The better Land.

*Molto Andante,  
tranquillamente.*

*p* Eye hath not seen it, my gen- tle boy, Ear hath not heard its deep

*Molto Andante,  
pesante.*

*p*

*cresc.*

songs of joy, Dreams can not pic- ture a world so fair,

*cresc.*

Sor- row and death, sor- row and death may not en- ter there;

*sempre cres- cen- do.*

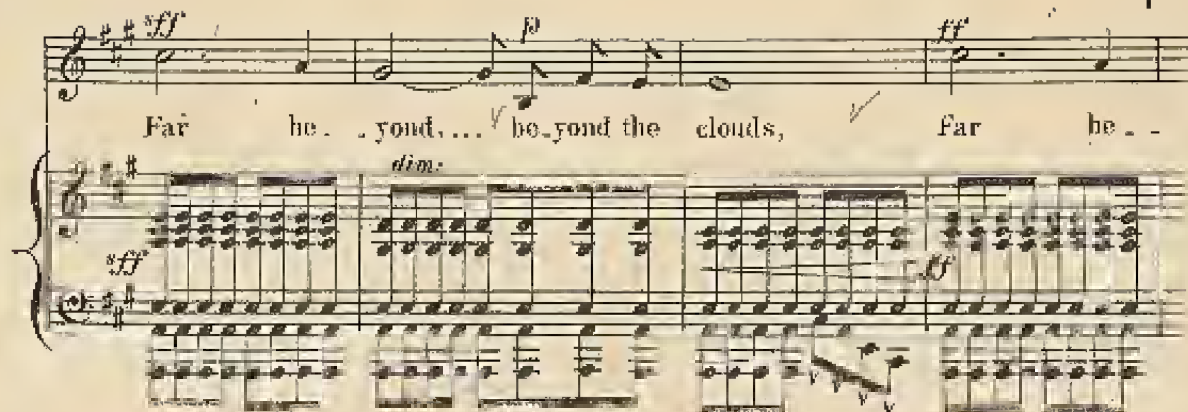
Time doth not breathe on its fade- less bloom on its fadeless bloom,

*sempre cres- cen- do.*

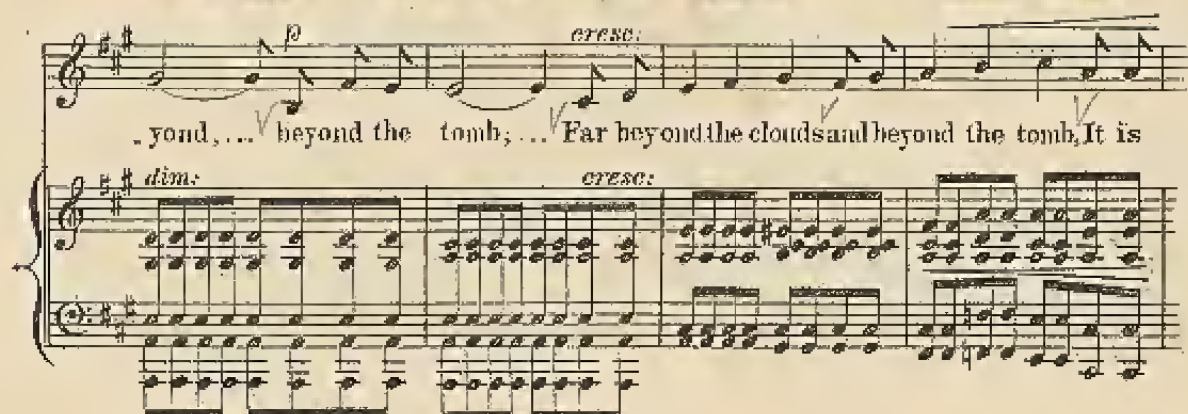
The better Land.



Far be- yond, ... be- yond the clouds, far be -



... yond, ... beyond the tomb; ... Far beyond the clouds and beyond the tomb, It is



*con tutta la forza,*  
there, it is there, my child, it is there, 'tis



there! ...



The better Land,





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